eGovernment Act of 2002

President George W. Bush signed into law the eGovernment Act on December 17, 2002

Passed both the House and the Senate unanimously—demonstrating Congress' strong, bipartisan support

eGovernment – What is it?

eGovernment is the exchange of value, including services, programs and information, through an electronic medium, and includes interactions and relationships between:

- Government and Citizens
- Government and Public and Private Entities
- Government and Employees

eGovernment -- What will it really do for USDA?

eGovernment is a fundamental transformation of the way the federal government does business and it involves everyone!

eGovernment will enable USDA to:

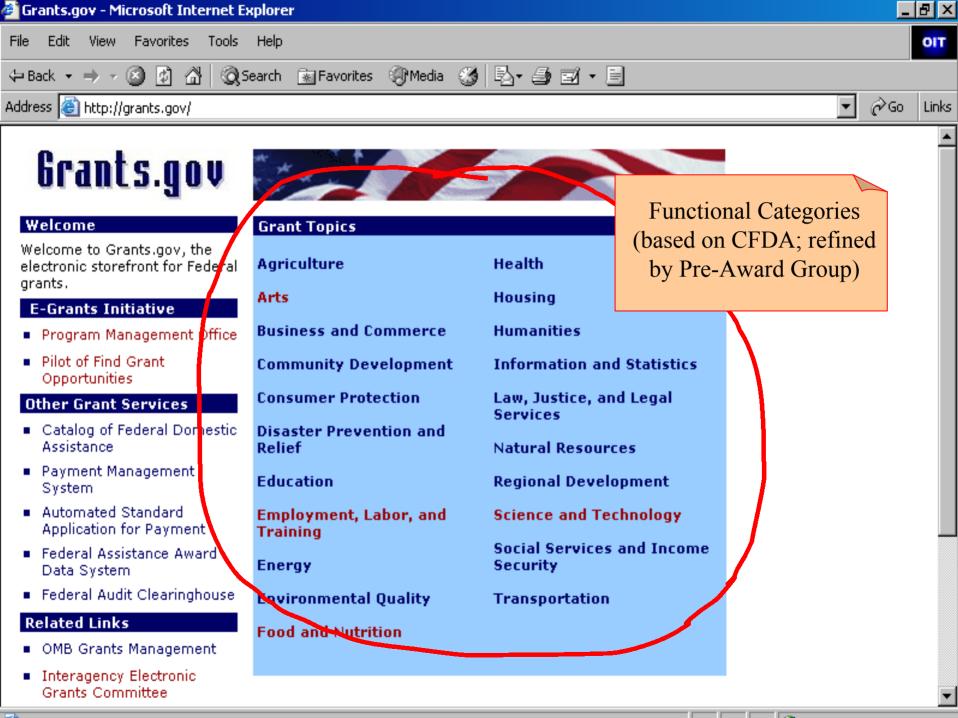
- Better fulfill its mission
- Enhance the Department's citizen focus
- Unify, simplify, and reduce redundancy in the delivery of services, information, and programs
- Increase efficiency, effectiveness and accountability

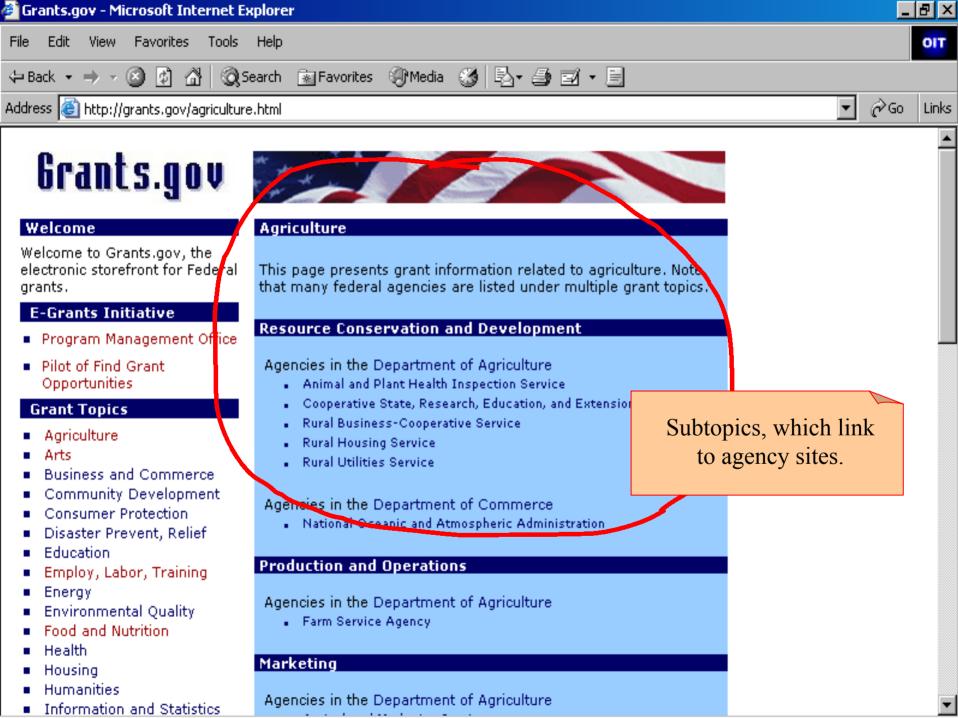
How will eGovernment enable USDA to do that?

- Improve citizen's knowledge of, access to, and the delivery of, USDA information, programs, and services
- Enhance collaboration with public and private entities to more effectively and efficiently develop and deliver USDA information, programs, and services
- Involve and empower employees to perform successfully

What are some examples of eGovernment initiatives?

- Disaster Assistance and Crisis Response: Creates a one-stop portal with information for public and private organizations involved in disaster preparedness and response.
- EZ Tax Filing: Creates an easy and free method for citizens to file simple tax forms online
- ❖ <u>E-grants</u>: Creates a single grant portal to simplify the application process and increase awareness of grant opportunities.





How can I find out more about eGovernment at USDA?

You can visit the website address or e-mail:

www.egov.usda.gov